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SUBJECT: TEXT OF NAMIBIA/SWA BROADCAST NOV 23

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS EDITORIAL COMMENTARY ON NAMIBIA/SWA
BROADCAST MORNING NOV 23 ON PRO-SAG SOUTH AFRICAN
BROADCASTING CORPORATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRIME-TIME
MORNING NEWSCAST. FULL TEXT:

1. WHEN SWAPO -- THE SOUTH WEST AFRICAN PEOPLE'S
ORGANIZATION -- SAYS IT WANTS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "BIG FIVE", AND THAT IT APPRECIATES
THE ROLE BEING PLAYED BY THESE FIVE COUNTRIES IN FINDING AN
ACCEPTABLE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT FOR SOUTH WEST AFRICA,
THIS MUST BE REGARDED AS AN ATTITUDE FOR EXPEDIENCY RATHER
THAN REASONABLENESS. FOR INDEED, SO FAR SWAPO HAS FOUND NO NEED
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NOT TO SUPPORT THE WESTERN INITIATIVE.

2. NOT ONLY ARE THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE REPRESENTATIVES
CONTINUING TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION OF A CRISIS SITUATION IN
SOUTH WEST AFRICA, THEREBY HOLDING THE WORLD NEWS HEADLINES, BUT
DURING THEIR PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS IN PRETORIA THE WESTERN
POWERS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WERE DOING LITTLE MORE THAN

FIGHTING THE SWAPO BATTLE ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT. THIS BECAUSE IN SO FAR AS SWA IS CONCERNED, RSA HAS AGREED TO AND HAS IMPLEMENTED, OR IS IMPLEMENTING EVERY SINGLE ORIGINAL DEMAND MADE OF HER BY THE U.N. YET THE WEST REFUSES TO TAKE A STAND IN RSA'S FAVOR.

3. GRANTED, THERE ARE SOME REPORTS NOW OF WESTERN PRESSURE ON SWAPO TO TAKE PART IN ELECTIONS IN THE TERRITORY -- BUT ONE IS CONSTANTLY LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES CONDUCT THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH SWAPO FROM A KNEELING POSITION. LAST MONTH THEY SPENT FIVE DAYS NEGOTIATING WITH SWAPO MEN AND THEIR LEADER -- SAM NUJOMA -- BUT REPORTS INDICATED THAT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AND A FEW DAYS LATER NUJOMA STATED THAT ALL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS HAD TO GET OUT OF THE TERRITORY BEFORE ELECTIONS COULD BE HELD. NOT A SINGLE SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE OF SWAPO RECIPROCATING -- IN FACT, SWAPO HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS SET TO LAUNCH ITS BIGGEST TERRORIST OFFENSIVE YET.

4. MEANWHILE SWAPO IS NOT WITHOUT ITS OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE TURNHALLE PLAN. IT HAS HAD TO COPE WITH NUMEROUS DEFECTIONS BY ITS LEADERS WHO SEE IN THE TURNHALLE PLAN GREATER HOPE FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THAN THAT OFFERED BY SWAPO -- AND WHO RESENT SAM NUJOMA'S CLOSE COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS. ALSO, THEIR WIDELY PUBLICISED REPORTS OF CORRUPTION WITHIN SWAPO AND THE MISERABLE PLIGHT OF THE TERRORISTS WHILE THEIR LEADERS LIVE IN LUXURY HAS BEEN A BLOW

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TO MORALE AND HAS CAUSED WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE RANK-AND-FILE.

5. SO NOW ONCE AGAIN THE BIG FIVE CONTACT GROUP IS SWINGING THROUGH AFRICA--TO END UP IN PRETORIA PROBABLY SOME TIME NEXT MONTH. WHAT THEY WILL HAVE TO OFFER--IT SEEMS-- WILL BE LITTLE MORE THAN THEIR SERVICES AS SWAPO'S "LEG MEN" WHO HAVE RETURNED TO RE-TELL THE STORY OF SWAPO INTRANSIGENCE. AS FAR AS THE SAG IS CONCERNED: IT HAS INDICATED THAT IT HAS MOVED AS FAR AS IT IS PREPARED TO MOVE AND, MORE IMPORTANT, AS FAR AS IT WAS INITIALLY EXPECTED TO MOVE BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO HEAR THE EXCHANGE IN PRETORIA NEXT MONTH WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER OR THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASKS DELEGATION LEADER MCHENRY WHAT THEY HAVE ACHIEVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING AND WHEN MR. MCHENRY RE-HASHES THE OLD, OLD SWAPO STORY.

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